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Endochondral bone and Osteochondral Defects

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, Applicants hereby make of record the references listed on the accompanying PTO Form 1449 for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. The references listed therein were recently cited in an International Search Report. Copies of the Report and the references are enclosed.

REMARKS

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, this statement is being filed (CHECK ONE):

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- the requisite Certification, is attached hereto, AND
- the requisite petition fee due under Rule 1.17(i)(I), namely \$130.00 is included herein.

It is respectfully requested that each of the documents shown on the attached form PTO-1449 be made of record in this application.

CERTIFICATION

As required under §1.97(e), Applicants, through the undersigned, hereby certify either that [check the appropriate space]:

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Should any fee associated with the submission of this paper not be attached hereto as a check, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the missing fee to our Deposit Account, No. 20-0531. Any overpayments should be credited to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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